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### VIA EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. ET 588715745

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application - Serial No. 10/038,016 filed January 3, 2002 for  
Depressed Collector for Electron Beams

Dear Sir:

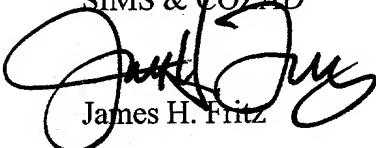
Enclosed herewith, please find the following:

1. Response;
2. A substitute application with claims commencing on a separate sheet;
3. Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84;
4. A copy of the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers;" and
5. A current acknowledgment postcard.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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**NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

***Filing Date Granted***

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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